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SUBJ: HABITAT: DEBATE ON DRAFT DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES

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1. HABITAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HAS COMPLETED INITIAL DISCUSSION OF SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES. ACTION HAS NOW MOVED TO 10-NATION DRAFTING GROUP (WITH US AS MEMBER) AND THEN BACK TO FULL COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 22.

2. GENERAL DISCUSSION REVEALED WIDESPREAD DISSATISFACTION WITH TONE AND QUALITY OF FIRST PART OF THREE PART DOCUMENT WHICH RESULTED IN DECISION TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUP TO REVISE IT. MANDATE OF GROUP SUBSEQUENTLY EXTENDED TO INCLUDE REVISION OF PARTS TWO AND THREE OF DRAFT.

3. CONSENSUS DEVELOPED TO RETAIN PARTS TWO AND THREE, BUT THIS ACCOMPANIED BY NUMEROUS SUGGESTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS.

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4. AMONG MAIN POINTS MADE DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION WERE:

A) CONTINUED STRESS ON NEED FOR MORE DETAILED REFERENCES TO NIEO AND CERDS--AND SUGGESTION, ON PART OF SOME DELS, FOR INCLUDING MENTION OF FINAL RESOLUTION 3362 FROM 7TH SPECIAL SESSION;

B) ELIMINATION OF SOCIAL SEGREGATION;

C) CAUTIONARY NOTED (FED REP, JAPAN, US) ON REDISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES;

D) NEED TO REMOVE PARA 4, AND PART 2 ("COLONIALISM, ETC.") ON GROUNDS OF IRRELEVANCE (AUSTRIA AND COLOMBIA).

5. US DEL'S INTERVENTION COVERED FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) STRESSED NEED TO KEEP DECLARATION RELEVANT TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, AS EARLIER SUGGESTED BY CANADIAN MINISTER DANSON. (THIS VIEW ECHOED BY SEVERAL OTHER DELS.)

B) USEFULNESS OF INCLUDING MORE SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO PREVIOUS CONFERENCES ON ENVIRONMENT, POPULATION, FOOD, WOMEN;

C) FACT THAT USG'S VIEWS ON NIEO AND CERDS ARE WELL-KNOWN AND MUST BE CONSIDERED;

D) SUGGESTION THAT REFERENCES TO "REDISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES" BE CHANGED TO "MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES," END UNCLASSIFIED.

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6. GENERAL TENOR OF DISCUSSION WAS BUSINESS-LIKE AND ESSENTIALLY NON-POLITICAL. WE PLAN ON USING OUR POSITION IN DRAFTING GROUP TO SUPPORT SUGGESTION BY AUSTRIANS AND COLOMBIANS FOR DELETION OF PARA ON COLONIALISM. IF THAT DOES NOT WORK, WE SHALL PUSH FOR AMENDED LANGUAGE.

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7. SOVIETS WHO ARE ALSO IN DRAFTING GROUP SEEM RATHER INTENT ON ENSURING THAT DOCUMENT CONTAINS REFERENCES TO DISARMAMENT AND DETENTE. THIS MAY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO GET PARAGRAPH ON COLONIALISM OUT.

8. MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF DISCUSSION ON DECLARATION WAS WHAT DID NOT COME UP--NAMELY, ANY REFERENCE TO ZIONISM. THIS NOT ALTOGETHER SURPRISING SINCE DELEGATIONS

ARE DOMINATED BY PROFESSIONALSM THIS TRUE OF DRAFTING
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